

Application No. 10/591,622
Amendment Dated October 21, 2008
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Remarks

Claims 1-20 are pending.

Claims 1-20 are subjected to an election requirement.

Claims 4 and 6 have been withdrawn.

Claims 1-3, 5, and 7-20 are submitted herein for review.

No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that although the sole independent claim 1 is generic, the dependent claims include three patentably distinct species: claims 7-10 directed to a non-linear filler having one or more additional fillers; claim 4 directed to a specific group of metal oxide fillers added to the zinc oxide, and claim 6 directed to the use of non-metal sulfur or boron dopants.

In addition to the prosecution of the generic claims, Applicants hereby elect to continue prosecution of the species as claimed in claims 7-10. Claims 4 and 6 have been withdrawn from further consideration at this time. Applicants reserve the right to re-introduce claims 4 and 6 once generic independent claim 1 is deemed allowable by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-3, 5 and 7-20 are in condition for allowance, the earliest possible notice of which is earnestly solicited. If

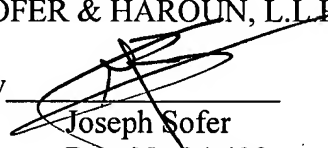
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the Examiner feels that an interview would facilitate the prosecution of this Application she is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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